

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1 1. A telematics radio for providing driving
2 directions to an operator of a vehicle, the telematics
3 radio comprising:

4 a receiver operable for receiving a position
5 signal indicative of the current location of the vehicle;
6 memory operable for storing the location of at
7 least one pre-selected destination;

8 a processor operable for determining driving
9 directions from the current location of the vehicle to
10 each pre-selected destination based on the position signal
11 and map information; and

12 an interface operable for receiving a request
13 from the operator for the driving directions to a desired
14 pre-selected destination, the interface further operable
15 for providing the operator with the driving directions to
16 the desired pre-selected destination.

1 2. The telematics radio of claim 1 wherein:

2 the interface is further operable to be disabled
3 from providing driving directions in response to receiving
4 an interface deactivation signal.

1 3. The telematics radio of claim 1 wherein:

2 the interface includes at least one button,
3 wherein the interface is operable with the memory for
4 associating each of the at least one pre-selected
5 destination with a respective button.

1 4. The telematics radio of claim 3 wherein:

2 the interface is operable for receiving a
3 request from the operator for the driving directions to a
4 desired pre-selected destination in response to the

5 operator pressing the respective button associated with
6 the desired pre-selected destination.

1 5. The telematics radio of claim 4 wherein:
2 the interface is further operable to be disabled
3 from providing driving directions to a desired pre-
4 selected destination when the operator presses the
5 respective button associated with the desired pre-selected
6 destination in response to receiving the interface
7 deactivation signal.

1 6. The telematics radio of claim 3 wherein:
2 the at least one button includes a HOME button,
3 wherein the interface is operable with the memory for
4 associating the HOME button with a home address of the
5 operator.

1 7. The telematics radio of claim 6 wherein:
2 the interface is further operable to be disabled
3 from providing driving directions to the home address of
4 the operator when the operator presses the HOME button in
5 response to receiving the interface deactivation signal.

1 8. The telematics radio of claim 2 wherein:
2 the interface is further operable to be disabled
3 from providing driving directions in response to receiving
4 an interface deactivation signal from the receiver.

1 9. The telematics radio of claim 8 wherein:
2 the receiver is operable for wirelessly
3 receiving the interface deactivation signal from a service
4 provider.

1 10. The telematics radio of claim 8 wherein:
2 the receiver is operable for wirelessly
3 receiving the interface deactivation signal directly from
4 an owner of the vehicle.

1 11. The telematics radio of claim 2 wherein:
2 the interface is operable for receiving the
3 interface deactivation signal in response to a vehicle
4 anti-theft mechanism being triggered.

1 12. The telematics radio of claim 2 wherein:
2 the interface is operable for receiving the
3 interface deactivation signal in response to an anti-theft
4 mechanism of the telematics radio being triggered.

1 13. A method for providing driving directions
2 to an operator of a vehicle, the method comprising:
3 storing the location of at least one pre-
4 selected destination;
5 receiving a request from the operator for the
6 driving directions to a desired pre-selected destination;
7 receiving a position signal indicative of the
8 current location of the vehicle;
9 determining driving directions from the current
10 location of the vehicle to the desired pre-selected
11 destination based on the position signal and map
12 information; and
13 providing the operator with the driving
14 directions to the desired pre-selected destination.

1 14. The method of claim 13 further comprising:
2 disabling the step of providing the operator
3 with the driving directions in response to a deactivation
4 signal being received.

1 15. The method of claim 13 wherein:
2 storing the location of at least one pre-
3 selected destination includes associating a respective
4 button with each of the at least one pre-selected
5 destination.

1 16. The method of claim 15 wherein:
2 receiving a request includes pressing the
3 respective button associated with the desired pre-selected
4 destination.

1 17. The method of claim 15 wherein:
2 storing the location of at least one pre-
3 selected destination includes associating a HOME button
4 with a home address of the operator.

1 18. The method of claim 14 wherein:
2 disabling includes disabling the step of
3 providing the operator with the driving directions in
4 response to a deactivation signal being wirelessly
5 received from a service provider.

1 19. The method of claim 14 wherein:
2 disabling includes disabling the step of
3 providing the operator with the driving directions in
4 response to a deactivation signal being wirelessly
5 received from an owner of the vehicle.

1 20. The method of claim 14 wherein:
2 disabling includes disabling the step of
3 providing the operator with the driving directions in
4 response to a deactivation signal generated in response to
5 a vehicle anti-theft mechanism being triggered.